

U.S.S.N. 10/767,027; Attorney Docket No. CET-026431CIP
Response to Non-Final Office Action mailed 3.15.2007

REMARKS

The Office Action has imposed a restriction requirement, alleging the claims include two distinct invention. Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to the low resistance fuse (claims 1-14 and 26-38) for examination with traverse.

Applicants submit that all pending claims should be examined. As presently claimed, the method of claim 15 includes, *inter alia*, the step of "forming a fuse element layer having a fusible link extending between the first and second contact pads." The process of making a laminated resistor or laminated capacitor does not include this step as neither the resistor nor the capacitor includes a fusible link. Dependent claims 16-25 similarly each require this step. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the process as claimed cannot be used to make another and materially different product.

With respect to the assertion that the product can be made by an alternative process, it is respectfully submitted that a full search of the apparatus claims will encompass methods of manufacture. Thus, contrary to what is stated in the Office Action, examination of all claims would not impose a serious burden on the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Election of Species

The Office Action also requires an election of species for examination. Applicants hereby elect Species I (corresponding to Figures 1-16) for examination.

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CONCLUSION

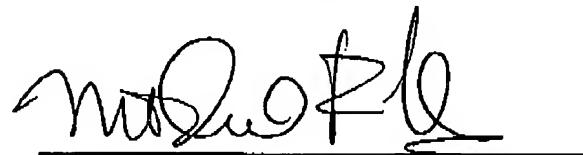
The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 15, 2007. Applicants have made a diligent effort to advance the prosecution of the application by electing a restricted group of claims and a species for examination.

As the one-month statutory period for reply expired on April 15, 2007, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to make this filing timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit the fee for the extension of time to USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-3786, Reference No. 13978.105463. This Response is therefore considered timely filed and no other fees are believed to be due. Should the Commissioner deem any additional fees as being due or overpaid, including any fees for any extensions of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit said fees from, or to credit any overpayments to, USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-3786, Reference No. 13682.105463.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at the number listed below if a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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